

REMARKS

Claims 1-23 are now pending in the present application. Claims 17-23 and Figures 8 and 9 have been added. If for any reason direct communication with the undersigned should advance prosecution of this application to finality, the Examiner is cordially invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the extra independent claim fee of \$42.00 and any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1901.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Specification

Page 5, under "Brief Description of the Drawings", please insert the following sentences after the description for Figure 7:

Figure 8 is a side view of the embodiment of Figure 1 with a potted plant disposed within the cage, the upper rim of the potted plant resting on the upper ring.

Figure 9 is a perspective view of an alternative embodiment of the leg of the present invention.

Page 6, line 3, after "function", insert --For example, as shown in Figure 9, leg 66 is a double leg member with a loop 68 that is formed by a bend in the upper portions of the leg 16. The loop 68 is formed substantially in a different plane, *i.e.*, perpendicular, than the plane created by the upper portions of leg 16.--

Page 7, line 17, after "16", insert --Alternatively, the plant container may rest over loops 20 of legs 16, having the rim 36 cover the upper ring 12, as shown in Figure 8.—

In the Drawings

Please add Figures 8 and 9 as indicated on the attached sheets of drawings.

In the Claims

Please add claims 17-23 as follows:

17. A support member for a plant support apparatus, the support member comprising: at least one leg attachable to an upper ring and a lower ring, the leg adapted to support the upper ring and lower ring and engage the ground, the at least one leg comprising a ledge shaped so as to permit application of a downward force by a plant support user to engage the plant support with the ground.

18. The support member of claim 17 wherein said at least one leg is an elongated U-shaped member comprising:

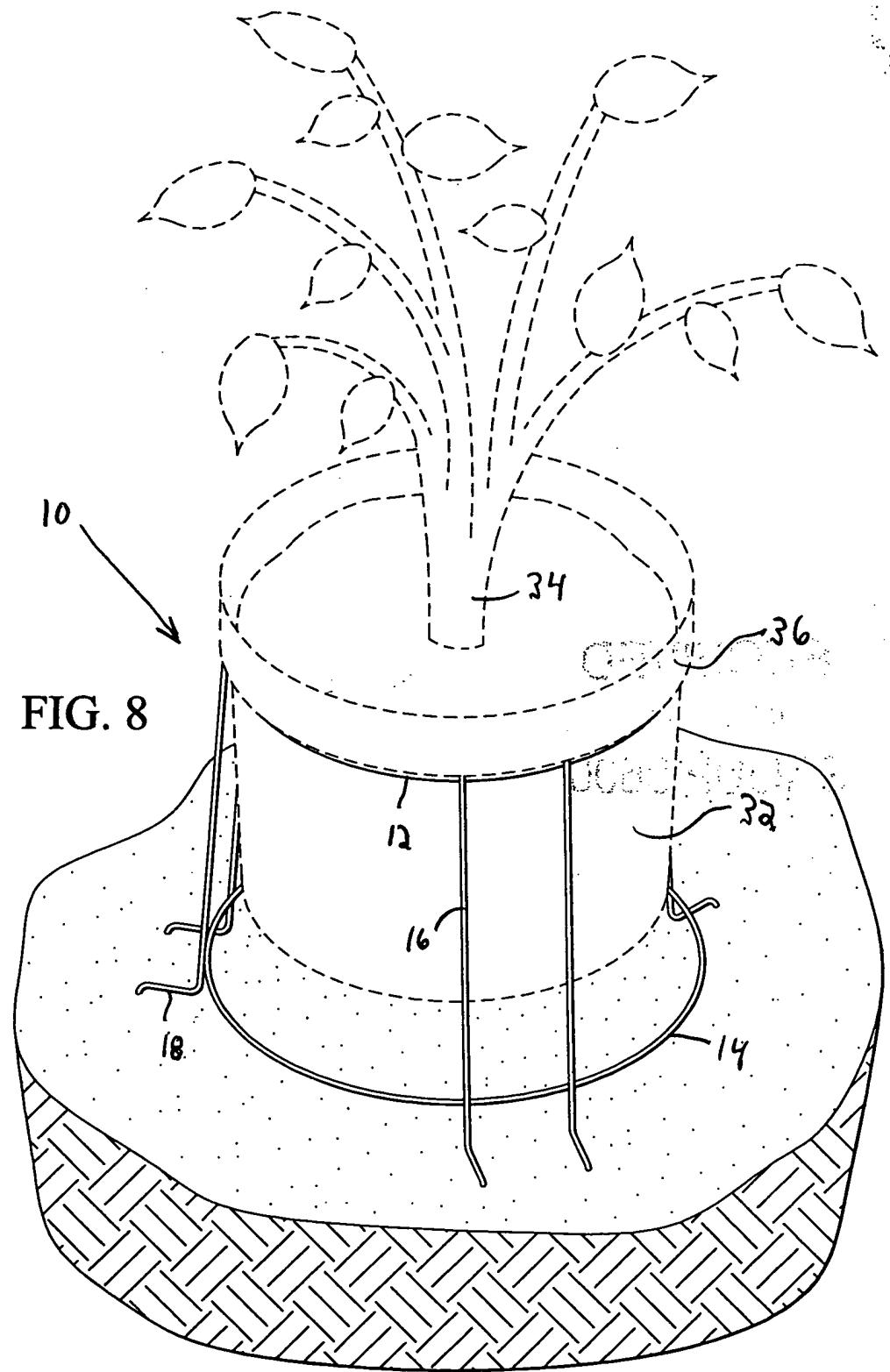
a closed end and an open end defined by two portions of the U-shaped member;

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a portion of the upper ring adapted to attached proximate the closed end of said at least one leg such that a loop is formed above the upper ring by the closed end of the leg; and the end of the two portions of the U-shaped member are adapted to engage the ground.

19. The support member of claim 17 wherein the support member is made of wire.
20. The support member of claim 17 wherein the support member is made of plastic.
21. The support member of claim 18 wherein the ledge is defined by a bend in the two portions of the U-shaped member, the ledge located below the position where the lower ring attaches to the U-shaped member.
22. The support member of claim 18 wherein the loop is positioned in the same plane as the two portions of the U-shaped member at the open end.
23. The support member of claim 18 wherein the loop is positioned in a different plane as the two portions of the U-shaped member at the open end.

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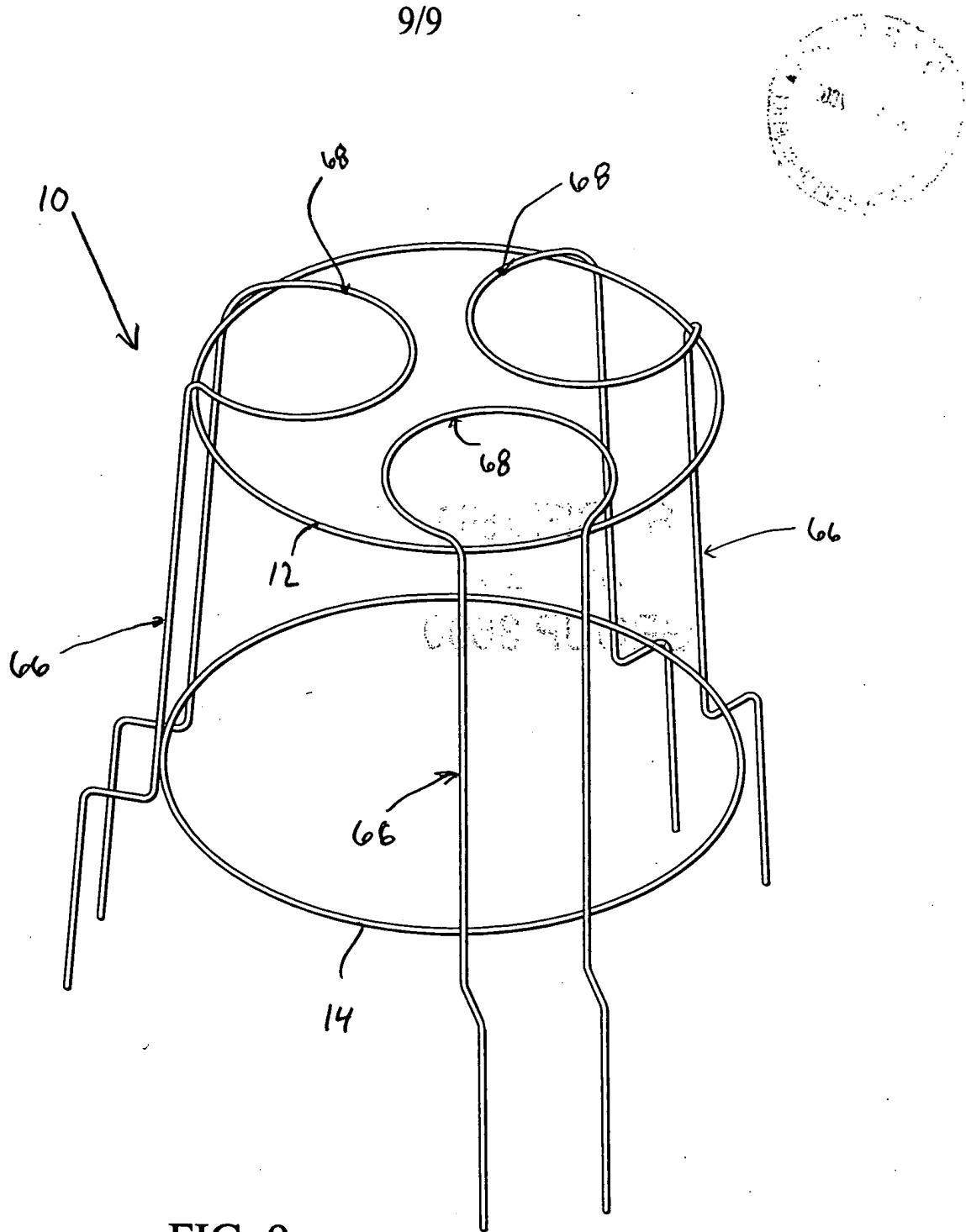


FIG. 9